

The Department of Criminal Justice Services is honored to extend this invitation to participate in an exciting project that will ultimately encourage and facilitate collaboration between law enforcement and private security in the fight against crime and terrorism.

DCJS is responsible for the private security regulatory program. The regulatory section along with representatives from the Private Security Services Advisory Board, Criminal Justice Services Board, law enforcement and corporate security representatives have been working on a preliminary plan that will energize, build and enhance private security and public policing partnerships.

We recognize the need to strengthen the relationship between law enforcement and private security. We believe that this can be accomplished through education, information sharing and networking. Increasing private and corporate security awareness will increase the likelihood of greater collaboration and will help law enforcement and security multiply their effectiveness.

We have made many strides with positive successes towards improving the private security and public policing partnerships but we know we can make a greater impact. With a team of specially chosen professionals, this partnership will have the ability to successfully transform this vision into a reality.

In order to build this partnership, DCJS is planning the first Security and Law Enforcement Summit on November 14 & 15, 2005. The initial group will include representatives from Chiefs of Police, Sheriffs, Corporate and Private Security Executives, who have been selected to participate based on their proven track record and areas of expertise.

We are pleased to announce that you have been selected to play a lead role in this project and are cordially invited to attend this initial Summit. The activities will begin with a dinner on Monday, November 14, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. and will be followed with an informal hospitality gathering. On Tuesday, November 15, 2005, we will hear presentations from state and national experts followed by an afternoon awareness tabletop exercise.

This project is clearly a work in progress, which can only be improved by input from the various stakeholders who are dedicated to the safety and well being of our citizens. We, therefore, are looking forward to applying your input in the further development of private security and public policing partnerships. By accepting this invitation for active involvement in this Summit, you will receive beneficial resources and significant opportunities to network with others as well as the advantage of sharing your experiences and concerns towards a positive change for the Commonwealth that we all have vowed to protect.

The Summit will be held at the Sheraton West in Richmond. If you require lodging, please call toll free at (800) 325-3535 and reference DCJS to obtain the government rate of \$74.00.

Please confirm if you will be accepting this invitation by responding through the DCJS website no later than October 1, 2005 at:
<http://www.dcjs.virginia.gov/trainingEvents/ps/2005Summit.cfm>. If you have any trouble registering for the conference, please call Karen Sullivan at (804) 786-9047.

We look forward to working with you directly on this exciting project and should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact Lisa Hahn at 804-225-2356 or via email at lisa.hahn@dcjs.virginia.gov.

Sincerely,

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